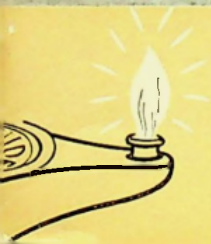


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## DOR KNAP POSTCARDS

Two postcards, each price 6d., are now available. One shows the view over the Vale of Evesham and the other the original photograph of the house and outbuildings. We hope to add to the selection this summer.



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## INTO THE POOL

AS BOTH RADIO AND NEWSPAPERS announced, TUBBY went into hospital on Easter Sunday. In Boston, on the last leg of his world tour, it was decided to cut short his itinerary and fly him

### **Tubby's Return**

home. He arrived clearly suffering from exhaustion and is now making a marked recovery in the London Hospital. The question still remains open whether he will have recovered sufficiently to be at the Old House for the QUEEN's visit on May 13, but we all hope and pray that he will.

IN THE PROGRAMME ON archery in the B.B.C. Third Programme, "Sports Service", on March 26 the club interviewed by MICHAEL ASPEL was the Swanton Club in Kent, founded

### **A Bull for Bill**

by BILL LORRAINE, about which he wrote in the February JOURNAL. There is no doubt that this sport is gaining steadily in popularity and is proving of great assistance to cripples and paraplegics. An article on the famous Stoke Mandeville Games, in which archery has long been a major enthusiasm, will appear shortly.

THIS IS BY WAY of advance information that next year, 1967, from July 28 to August 14, RAY FABES of Surrey and Sussex Areas and Mrs. NANCY GRIFFITHS of South London and Surrey Women's Association will be leading

### **Holiday in the U.S.A.**

a Toc H holiday party to the U.S.A. Travel in both directions will be by air in charter aircraft and there are six different itineraries over there from which to choose; they include Washington, Niagara, Canada, etc., the cost varying from £70 to £116 accordingly. For details write to Ray or Nancy at the address at the end of this issue.



IN MID-MARCH IAIN FRASER reported that bookings for Weir Side, our Langdale climbing centre, were going well in this its first fully operational year. There had already been three

**Weir Side,** week-end parties, despite the weather, and  
**Langdale** advance bookings included eight further week-end parties, one for a week and two

for ten days. The early parties were full of enthusiasm for the centre and we hear that as a result of new floor coverings and table tops provided and installed by Langdale Branch the place is looking better than ever.

IT IS CLEAR TO ANYONE reading the New Testament that Jesus had a very special thought for the widows and fatherless and that this was one of the first concerns of the early Church.

**Counsel for** In these days it is all too easy to shove the  
**Widows** whole responsibility onto the Welfare State, forgetting that friendship and the sharing of

experiences are something only individuals can bring to one another. Cruse Clubs have been formed to help widows with their economic and family problems and, where there is a local Club, with their social life too. Recently they produced a booklet, *The Widow's Child*, price 2s. 11d., post free. This deals with the many problems facing widows and children growing up without a father's influence, and is available from Cruse Clubs, The Charter House, Lion Gate Gardens, Richmond, Surrey.

RECENTLY WHEN THE LIVES of two American astronauts were in jeopardy the American television programmes were interrupted to keep viewers abreast with the latest news of the

**Larger** crisis. This provoked widespread indignation  
**Than Life** from people who resented being torn away from their accustomed entertainment which

included, oddly enough, space fiction. This reminds us that many people over here, especially youngsters, were furious when the historic Early Bird transmissions were televised in place of scheduled programmes, enabling us to see for the first time events on the other side of the world as they were actually happening. Can it be that for many fiction is becoming the only reality, that mere fact is so far behind fantasy that it is boring? Good heavens, so much new fact is happening every day that we would have thought it more than enough for any mind to cope with; but evidently not. One further aspect of the space fiction flight from reality is the growing enthusiasm for puppets in place of live actors. Can it be that human beings are not only getting bored with reality—they are getting tired of people too? We aren't offering any opinion—just wondering.



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# State of the Nation

THE EDITOR

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BY THE TIME THIS IS READ the General Election will be well over and Britain will have a new Government. Amid the fug of political speeches, of accusations and counter-accusations, the leading editorial of *The Times* on March 10 was a breath of fresh air and we felt that it should be made available to our members for serious study. The fact that the *Daily Mail* and, for all we know other papers too, had the same idea, does not deter us. We reproduce it with grateful acknowledgement to *The Times* for permission to do so.

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## WHY THE £ IS WEAK

*THE ECONOMISTS and financial technicians have their own learned and to themselves no doubt lucid reasons why the £ is weak in the markets of the world. For the ordinary reader they can be stated much more simply.*

The £ is weak

because Britain is living beyond her means;

because neither the Labour Government nor the Bank of England nor the British people overcame the crisis a year ago; the foreign lenders did so;

because Britain is still so heavily in debt abroad;

because Government spending abroad goes on rising;

because no Government has the courage to face the British people with the truth;

because the world sees Mr. George Brown's union—the largest in the country—defying the system on which the Government's economic policy rests;

because full employment has led unions to overuse their powers and employers to underuse their labour;



because the "trial" by workers in Oxfordshire of some of their fellows who refused to join them in an unofficial strike is regarded as symptomatic;

because British industry has continuously lost its share of world markets;

because whenever the mildest deflation begins to work, it is discontinued before it can even half finish its job;

because extra leisure is put before extra effort by too many people in all classes;

because too many working hours are turned into gambling hours;

because money is regarded by too many people of all classes as something to be got or won rather than earned;

because under present conditions the trade unions are responsible to no one, and no Government has been prepared to bring them under reasonable control;

because the world knows that the trade unions know this;

because the Labour Government is showing it has learnt nothing; it has committed itself, if returned, to proceed with the irrelevance of nationalising steel;

because if a Conservative Government is returned after so short a spell of opposition, the workers are likely to resume their class warfare;

because Britain, never having been defeated, still refuses to see she is up against it;

because the world fears that devaluation will ultimately be chosen as an alternative to deflation, and the world knows this will not solve Britain's long-term problem;

because while France, Germany, and Italy have had their "economic miracles", Britain has as yet not shown the willingness or the capacity to make the effort to achieve her own "miracle";

because in all too many cases Britain loves the old instead of the new, seeks reasons not to do things rather than to do them;



because too many managements have been supine or unimaginative;

because the change from privilege to talent has been too slow in all too many board rooms;

because there is on both sides of industry still too much hankering after restriction and too little eagerness for competition;

because in the last analysis economics is a matter of human nature and not of formulas: no country can be saved if its people will not save themselves;

because for 20 years leadership has been lacking; soft words have been substituted for hard facts; exhortation has never been followed by deeds; rights have come before responsibilities; the national philosophy has been all take and no give;

because the world knows that, however slow the descent, the abyss is still at the end of the road.

*The £ could be strong if the British people had the ears to hear, the eyes to see, and the will to recover their native sense and energy. They have done it time and again in wars; why can they not do it just once in peace? This is what the General Election should be about.*

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Some members may protest that here is the JOURNAL dabbling in politics. In the first place we hope that the old absurdity, "We don't discuss politics in Toc H", is stone dead. If we cannot discuss these things in the fairminded and brotherly atmosphere of a Toc H Branch then it's a poor look out indeed. But in the second place the article is not fundamentally about politics at all. Whilst some of the reasons it gives are related to economics and politics its main thesis is that our national crisis is neither economic nor political; it is mental; it is moral; it is spiritual. *The Times* leader raises enough questions under these three heads to give Branches something to discuss for the next twelve months.



Other members may say that here we are joining forces with others in the good old game of 'knocking'. Admittedly 'knocking' is one of the symptoms of the age; we are all of us without exception becoming pretty good at it. And many may say that we are no more faced with a crisis today than we ever have been, that there always has been something or other wrong with the country and plenty of people to enjoy a good old belly ache about it. But somehow or other this easy disposal of the problem doesn't quite ring true.

### Second Opinion

There is an interesting passage in John Gunther's recent book, *Procession*\*. Writing of Britain he says:

The rank and file of citizens seem apathetic about the future, despondent, or confused. Deep heart-searching goes on among the intellectuals. A perspicacious Frenchman told me in Paris, before I set out for London, "You will find England quite revealing—it is having a nervous breakdown." Most of the classic symptoms of nervous breakdown are there—depression, self-doubt, unsettlement, fatigue.

Somehow I don't think we can shrug that one off; it seems a little too near the bone. The danger is that we may say of this as of *The Times* leader, "That's telling *them!*" It is telling *me* too. We are all equally involved; we are all open to the same infection.

What the root causes are is surely what we should be debating. Is it the shock of discovering that an ungrateful world does not owe us a living for winning the last war? Is it the bitterness of realising that despite what Winston said we are presiding over the dissolution of the British Empire? Is it the depressing effect of inflation? A man who gets a rise of £25 a year ought to feel happy; in actual fact he is only too well aware that in real terms he is accepting a reduction in salary. Over the past few years my London house has risen in value by £1 every day. But far from delighting one it has seemed rather depressing.

\*Hamish Hamilton, 35s.



Finally, how far has the national condition reduced the vitality of Toc H? No man is an island, and neither is Toc H. The figure that floats into my mind is that of the Central Councillor who pointed dramatically to the declining membership figures and called loudly for Action with a capital A. It was the same man who told me that we had no right to expect members to leave home for one weekend each year to attend a Toc H training conference. Ye gods! ; in the last war some of us didn't see home once in five years. But that, he said, was different.

Perhaps all this may stimulate fruitful argument in the Branches. Maybe we shall be able to give people's views in articles or in the correspondence columns. Not 'knocking' but constructiveness is what the situation calls for, and by now Toc H knows something about the spirit of brave building.

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### MEMORIAL TO FIELD MARSHAL PLUMER

ON SUNDAY MARCH 6 in the ancient little parish church of Bilton in Anist, Yorkshire, a memorial plaque recording the restoration of the church bells in memory of Field Marshal Viscount Plumer was unveiled by his daughter, the Hon. Eleanor Plumer. The sermon was preached by the Assistant Chaplain General of Northern Command.

As many will remember, Lord Plumer commanded the 2nd British Army in the Ypres Salient from 1915 to 1917 and was responsible for the conduct of many major operations, including the assault on the Messines Ridge. He took a great interest in Toc H, both in the Salient and after the war, and one of his last acts as a serving soldier was to commend it to the Army.

Toc H was represented at the ceremony by Colonel John Davies, Chairman of the Central Executive, and Bob Purdy, North East Regional Secretary. J.A.D.



## GOOD SHOW!



A very effective home-made exhibition by Borough Green group.  
near Sevenoaks, Kent.

## SAM

TED INGLIS

THE JOURNAL'S BRIEF CABLED ANNOUNCEMENT of the death of Lt.-Col. 'Sam' Rasalam made sad reading for many who like me were privileged to meet him during his stay in Britain in 1962. The 'Seniors' were in session at Dor Knap under the leadership of John Callf and Colin Cuttell. Major Rasalam (he was promoted on his return to India) joined us, no doubt to see what made the 'Old Timers' tick.

He could only be described as one of nature's gentlemen and the gathering was thrilled to sit and listen one evening when he was inveigled into talking of the time when he



was Aide to Mahatma Gandhi. We who listened were profoundly moved, for our guest was forthright in the kindest fashion as he told of the sometimes slightly difficult conduct of the Mahatma, yet pointing out that the ways in which he was different were in themselves almost saintly.

Strolling in the grounds of Dor Knap Sam told me of his hopes for his people and for the Church of South India, insisting that for India Toc H was a 'must'. Any vestige of colour complex that might have remained in me utterly and finally disappeared after discussions with him.

I expressed great regret that Sam's talk on Gandhi had not been recorded and so it was that I asked John, Colin and Sam if they were prepared to talk together so that we had a permanent memento of a wonderful week.

### **Tape Recording**

With Colin Cuttall as interviewer we persuaded John Callf to describe how Dor Knap came into the hands of Toc H and to give its history, with all the aspirations for it; this was followed by Sam talking of the great job that the Church of South India was obviously doing for Christianity.

As the tape was coming to an end Colin apologetically asked Sam to give some indication of his feelings after meeting many Toc H Branches and people all over Britain. We who were engineering the tape and the others who had crowded into our 'studio' heard him say that, dominating all else, was the striking bond of fellowship—not just a veneer—in the Branches, despite the great differences in age and opinion. He spoke feelingly of the warmth and cordiality from Toc H people all over Britain, the offers of help for his people and of the possibilities for the future of Toc H in India. He stressed that Toc H there was doing much to break down the caste and social differences. He then used a very unusual term—no doubt being so moved he was having slight language difficulty—



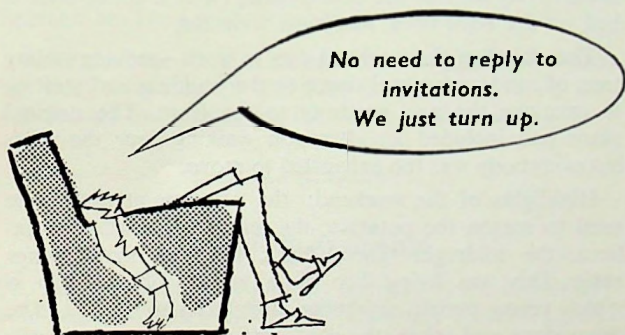
yet when he said "Toc H is doing so much to lift up the *low fellow*" how well we who were drinking in his every word understood.

About a dozen copies of the tape were processed and are now scattered all over the British Isles. I hope those who have them will lend them to as many Branches as possible. I reckon the performers, John, Colin and Sam, can never have done better.

Let me end by quoting Sam on Toc H and its relationship to the Churches. "I believe the purpose of Toc H is to undergird the Churches; when I go back I shall be giving to the Church and people of South India my story of the love and feeling of goodwill and tell of the great friendship of Toc H folk in Britain and of the great bond which exists between you and us." A wise man, a sage, another Indian philosopher.

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Ernie says :





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# Constructive Experience

TONY NORMAN

North East Field Officer and Warden of Colsterdale

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DISCUSSING WITH an Otley Branch member the ways in which the recently formed Otley group of Toc H Volunteers could co-operate and work with the Branch, my thoughts went back to the real beginning of the group. . . .

A twelve-seater mini-bus is parked in the busy market square at Ripon on Whit Monday, 1965. Inside is a collection of able-bodied young men, one of whom opens a window and, holding out a handful of litter, asks a passer-by, "Would you mind putting this in the next rubbish bin you see?" What a chance Candid Camera missed!

This incident marked the end of a long weekend spent at Colsterdale by a work party of three Marksmen from London, three from Newcastle, one from Leeds, two newcomers to Toc H from Otley, one Community Service Volunteer, Derek Austin, and N.E.F.O. This motley collection had assembled at Colsterdale at about one a.m. on Saturday, after a series of complicated transport manoeuvres around the countryside. After a coffee session bed on the hard floor was most welcome.

The object of the weekend was to work—moving twenty tons of sand and gravel down to the building and starting to excavate the new roadway to the front. The original plans had included an afternoon walking over the dales but everybody was too exhausted to move.

Highlights of the weekend: the peppermint toothpaste used to season the potatoes, the leaking primus, the sunburn, the midnight 'ghost' hunt, and the many songs sung. This was living Toc H, a sample of the way in which young people are being introduced to Toc H. The discussions and jokes, the spirit and determination on the way home to get things going . . . this made sense.





Two members of the Colsterdale working party and some of the twenty tons of sand and gravel.

The two lads from Otley went back convinced that Toc H had something to offer, and were determined to return for a week later in the summer, together with some of their friends. Perhaps the greatest encouragement was a remark from the Norwegian Marksman who had been living in London for a couple of months: "My stay in England has been made worthwhile by this weekend".

Since then the work at Colsterdale has continued. Much has been accomplished but there is still much to do that will occupy our parties for the whole of this year.

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# retirement

A note for those who have yet to reach their jubilee year

CHARLES WAKE

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FOR THOSE ABOUT TO RETIRE there is no dearth of useful advice available on how they might occupy themselves during the years ahead. Many who had not prepared themselves in earlier years for the period beyond that in which they were engaged in gainful employment must have blessed the authors and others who gave them hope that retirement would not seem like a vacuum. I imagine that few active Toc H members have had any cause to find their leisure years to be full of empty hours. My own experience has certainly proved the contrary to be true.

But, again, my own experience leads me to suggest that there is presently a gap in the literature on Retirement. There is an urgent need for a book addressed to the under-fifties so that they may become more realistic in their dealings with the senior citizens among our membership.

First of all let us look unblushingly at the subject of money. Retirement usually means a small income; a set of new patterns for use in cutting the cloth must be employed. For the majority there will be no difficulty in living up to their incomes, the problem will be to live within them. This being the case it is unrealistic for the under-fifties to find jobs for them that will involve sometimes an embarrassing cost to the pensioner. The Branch which discovers lots of 'deserving cases' who would enjoy being taken for car rides every week at times when only members who have retired are available is not being helpful. Not only do such car rides cost money but 'deserving cases' often require physical assistance beyond the power of older people.



This raises the second point; the health and strength of retired people is often more limited than that of younger folk. Let Jobmasters look carefully at requests for all day-time assistance that involves hanging round street corners in wintry weather selling flags, jobs that would require much walking or standing and so on. Turning over neglected gardens is not always a good type of job for the member who is free during the day-time.

Thirdly, honest-to-goodness recreation is as essential to members in their later years as in the pride of their manhood. Because a man has retired it is not necessary that his fellow members should all busy themselves finding him jobs to ensure that he has a full life. Reading the newspapers and books, following his hobbies, visiting the theatre and the cinema from time to time as well as his friends and relations are still ingredients of the full life, even after retirement.



Just the job for these old age pensioners! Matson Branch, Gloucester, got them to knit these rugs for Oxfam.





## *multum in parvo*

**B.A.O.R.** Welcome reinforcements to the Services Clubs' staff in Germany in recent weeks have been JOAN RICHARDSON, JOHN ELVIN and DAVID PURNELL.

BOB KNIGHT, Administrative Padre, has been appointed Chaplain to the Toc H Women's Association.

BRANCHES are urged to invite their Councillors at once to tell them about the Annual Meeting of the Central Council. It contained much that concerns Branch life and calls for discussion.

THE STAFF CONFERENCE will be held at Cambridge from June 13 to 17.

THE LONDON AREAS OFFICE for Toc H and Toc H Women's Association is now located at 9 The Crescent, E.C.3.

COMMANDER R. W. BOWERS, to our great regret has been obliged by ill health to resign his appointment as N.W. Regional Appeals Organiser.

DOR KNAP. Members, friends and families are invited to the Open Day on Whit Monday, May 30. Bring a picnic lunch. Cups of tea provided.

JOHN JANS has now moved from Scotland to become the Regional staff member for Eastern London Area.

'FIRST-TIMERS' to Dor Knap are invited to write to Cyril Cattell at Headquarters if they would like to be included in their week-end October 21-23.

THE WINANT VOLUNTEERS will arrive on June 17.

THE CLAYTON VOLUNTEERS leave for the U.S.A. on June 26.

HEADQUARTERS CARETAKER. Following the transfer of SIDNEY and GLADYS HIGBEE to All Hallows we welcome as their successors at Headquarters Mr. and Mrs. WILFRED ADKINS of Dunstable, formerly of Reading.



# Controversial Crusade

I — Billy Graham, Evangelist

REG GRIFFITHS

With the new Billy Graham Crusade in this country inevitably the old controversies as to the efficacy of his methods will again arise. In this first article of a short series on the subject we have asked Reg Griffiths, husband of Nancy Griffiths of the Women's Association staff, to say why he supports the Crusade.

MAKING THE ACQUAINTANCE of Dr. Graham is to understand in full measure the strength and purpose and the complete sincerity of his faith. He has an honest concern for people as individuals which is as natural and as self-compelling as breathing, and which is at once an expression of, and inseparable from, his love of Jesus Christ.

It is a matter of interest to note that critical attacks upon his integrity and methods increase in direct relationship to the impact which his preaching makes upon the community. However, it is enough to realise that there is no attempt to build up a Church of Billy Graham. On the contrary, the direct charge to the convert is to get into the life of the existing Church and forget Billy Graham.

The idea of conversion is one that sticks in many a throat. Use of the term produces much of the antipathy that exists towards him. But what does conversion mean? It is not necessarily an about face, but rather a change of objective. We all—or most of us—think that we know where we are going. To realise that we are aiming for the right place for the wrong reason, and then to correct that reason, is part of conversion. But this writer has not heard Billy Graham use the expression. We are exhorted by him to come to the Cross realising our utter shortcoming: to give ourselves completely, heart and soul, to Christ without any reservation; and when we do this we find that we have undergone conversion.



What does Billy Graham do; what is it that he has got?

His teaching from the scriptures, bringing a fuller and deeper realisation of the meaning of the Cross, is presented in a form which brings a degree of intelligent understanding. It is over-simplified? So is the story of Adam and Eve; so is the parable of the Good Samaritan—until we start thinking about it. But there is more, much more than this. Preaching by itself is unlikely to produce any lasting impact on the self-willed. The truth and power behind the Crusades is the world-wide organisation of prayer upon which the whole effort rests. The campaign meetings are themselves highly organised affairs. So are church services and activities. Music has an important part to play. So also in church. These things *are* important. Do you believe in God and His supreme Fatherhood? Then can you worship in a manner which is slipshod and careless?

### Appeal to Emotion

There is no denial that the Christian life has an emotional content. We are created by God who has given us the capacity for emotion. But Dr. Graham emphasises that conversion by faith is not something that happens because it makes us feel good. In fact the first effect upon the enquirer is very different; peace and true happiness then follow.

Being at peace with God through Jesus Christ involves public witness. The Anglican and Roman Churches use the sacrament of Confirmation. What is this if it does not include public acceptance of baptismal vows? Other Churches use forms of public witness and declaration of faith before their respective congregations.

At a Billy Graham campaign the enquirers are called to come forward to the front of the meeting-place; not an easy thing to do. Imagine if you will an arena such as Harringay was, as Earls Court is. You are perhaps with friends who know your worldly views. In absolute quiet, save for the soft background of the choir, you will rise from your seat, walk down the arena, by this very act



making a public declaration. Not easy; and who doubts should try it—but in truth.

In Billy Graham I see a man whom God has made an instrument through whom the Holy Spirit is able to work and speak; a man who truly can say with St. Paul "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ".

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## Taping Toc H

HARRY GELL

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THERE ARE THOSE WHO THINK that new technological developments are the machinations of the devil, and there are those who think them the automatic saviours of society. The truth must as always lie somewhere between the two extremes. In the use of one of these technological developments, the tape-recorder, in our society of Toc H, we should look somewhere mid-stream for a sensible approach, avoiding the apparent safety of one bank, where any mechanical aid is anathema and equally avoiding the other bank where such aid is the panacea of all ills.

The tape-recorder is a very important means of communication. Since men have begun to communicate, the voice has always been by far the most used vehicle. Writing arrived many ages later and the printing press is a comparatively modern invention. Even today with all the developments of quick and cheap reproduction of the printed word, most communication is oral. But it was not until well after the last war that the voice could be anything but ephemeral (unless a gramophone disc was produced at considerable expense), whereas with the invention of thin, tough plastics anyone can now record



any voice at any time, and what one utters no longer fades into the air and is gone for ever. Whether the tape-recorder is a helpful and significant means of communication rests on how it is used.

It must first be stated what are not wise uses of a tape-recorder in Toc H. It is not the life-line for an unimaginative Secretary. If he merely orders a tape and lays it on at a meeting as the easiest way out, the result will be sterile, as sterile as any other meeting laid on by an unimaginative Secretary. If at the other end of a tape-recorder a microphone is just stuck up and the undisciplined discussion or even the careful speech is recorded and then played-back on a future occasion, only the goodwill of the audience will keep its apparent attention, while its real attention may be roaming the world at large. Such recording demonstrates little more than how much extraneous sound there is at a meeting.

If however the tape-recorder is used creatively, both actively in recording and passively in listening, it can be a stimulating and exciting aid to communication. It was to examine these creative uses, particularly in the making of tapes, that seventeen members met at Dor Knap last October. I myself had used a tape-recorder at a training week-end at Dor Knap earlier in the autumn, and again I spent part of the week-end with the D.E. Team on its return from Rhodesia in an attempt to put on record its journeyings. At all these sessions a most noticeable feature was the extreme discipline which the medium demanded and obtained.

The contents of a tape is of ultimate importance. There are any number of kinds which can be and have been used in Toc H with worthwhile effect, the magazine, the topic, the commentary to pictures, the spoken letter, to mention only four. It must be very firmly stated too that the quality of the recording must be of the very highest standard. Near-studio conditions are essential for it must be remembered that a poor recording can only deteriorate in play-back.





Harry Gell and Cyril Cattell playing back a tape at the Dor Knap conference.

The magazine, as has been proved on television, at its best contains a variety of material, none of more than three or four minutes in length, and the whole magazine is of an overall duration of twelve to fifteen minutes. The topic can be of interest for itself or could lead into a discussion. Much of it may be actuality recording, but such recording needs to be ruthlessly edited and a most objective sense of judgment brought to bear on the finished tape. The commentary must at all costs avoid the old magic lantern technique. The sound should be continuous; the pictures appear and make their own impact, without detailed explanation and at the same time heighten the impact of the words. It is enough sometimes however to allow the pictures to speak for themselves and just to have a musical background. At Dor Knap the "Taping Toc H" week-end produced a magazine, "The Young Explorers", which attempted to gather together from various sources already on tape a sketch of the Movement's activities with young people; secondly, a



topic tape, "On Joining Toc H", the basis of which was actuality recordings made at the earlier training week-end, sharply cut, and introduced and summarised to give impact by use of the montage technique: and thirdly, a commentary for a series of slides taken during the London Jubilee week. A fourth exercise was to produce an edited version of the Albert Hall Festival Evening beamed particularly at Australia.

Some of these tapes have been used since and always creatively. In other words they have been used as part of the message taken by some members to a gathering of people. If a tape is used to its fullest capacity, it must be heard previously by whoever is presenting it. He must decide in detail how he is going to use it, if he wants to use all of it, or to use it in sections and, very important too, how he will follow it up. He must realise that it is ancillary to his own efforts. But it will be of the greatest ancillary aid if he uses it wisely. It can bring life. It can bring new experiences. It can bring first-hand experience. Examine the examples already detailed and it will be discovered that the voices of Tubby, Angus Ogilvy, George Davis and John Davies, John Mitchell, George Atkinson, Cyril Cattell can all be brought into a room. These added to the first-hand experience of the presenter must add up to quite a lot.

This sketch can only be cursory. Much more experiment must be carried out both in the recording and in the use of these tapes. Meanwhile those interested in taping Toc H would like to hear any tapes of good quality which members have. To produce magazines requires much material, and any that exists in the Movement would be most welcome. The next twelve months should see the production of a number of new tapes and help to find this middle course in the use of this exciting, new-fangled box of tricks.

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*[This reminds me that Ryton Branch, Co. Durham, would be glad if whoever has two of their irreplaceable taped recordings would please return them.—ED.]*





## *The Poet Jesus*



DOM ROBERT PETITPIERRE, Monk of the English Order of St. Benedict at Nashdom Abbey, is better known to older members of Toc H as Padre Max Petitpierre, Area Padre in the London Area between 1940 and 1944. They will also remember his association with St. Anne's House, Soho, where he was Warden from 1944 to 1947.

These volumes\* are concerned with passages which will be well known to any reader of the New Testament, but Dom Robert sees them as poetry, not prose. The Poet is Jesus himself. Here familiar sayings are set out in such a way as to show the pattern of the poetry. This is no exercise in verbal ingenuity but a valid reconstruction of the conditions and manner in which the memorable words were spoken. It is a labour of love, the fruit of many years' work—and the reviewer, who can claim that he has read the greater part of one volume aloud to himself, can appreciate how Padre Max has achieved his intention. Familiar passages acquire a new meaning and well known words a wider application. The restrictions of the versified Authorised Version of the Bible are forgotten in the rhythm of truth. The notes are pithy and pointed and do not stand between the reader and the text.

With some acquaintance with the various versions of the Bible and in particular with the Revised Standard Version here used, it is possible to see the unique value of this work. To those for whom the Bible is a volume, however greatly treasured, of close printed prayer, this arrangement will be a revelation; and for those who are called 'to read the lessons' here is a clear text which will enable them to read the word with understanding.

R.J.D.

\**Poems of Jesus* (in 2 Volumes). Dom Robert Petitpierre, The Faith Press Ltd., 15s. each.





George Eustance on a visit  
to Loch Eil.

## HEAD WASP TAKES OFF!

THE EDITOR

SOMETIMES WE HEAR IT PRONOUNCED that our leaders built better than they knew. That can surely be said of George Eustance of West Kirby Beacon Branch, who is also Chairman of North Western Area and a member of the Central Executive.

For the past sixteen years a master at Calday Grange Grammar School for boys, George has long been an advocate for harnessing the energies and enthusiasms of the young for constructive community service, and readers of the September 1964 JOURNAL will know of the conference on this theme which he convened at Burton Manor.

From that conference emerged "Operation W.A.S.P.", a project in the summer of 1964 which drew in 351 boys and girls from twenty-three schools to transform a derelict piece of land in the grounds of a hospital into an ornamental garden. This story was told in our issue of April 1965, and the story of the increased activities in the summer of that same year was featured in last April's JOURNAL Supplement, *Springs of Life*.

But now it is George's own energy and enthusiasm which have been harnessed for wider purposes. This month he ceases to be a schoolmaster and launches out into the



newly created job of Development Officer for Community Service by Young Volunteers with the Liverpool Council of Social Service. This imaginative appointment shows that it is not only in the fields of football and pop music that Liverpool leads the way.

Toc H may rightly feel proud of its part in all this, and George himself says, "I am looking forward very much to the start of my new job which is really Toc H in a way. I regard it as a most challenging operation which I could not have contemplated without Toc H, nor make a success of without Toc H ideas behind me. Ideals, too!"

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## Elder Brethren

*we will remember them*

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**Adey**—On February 19, Sidney Charles Adey, aged 63, of Kidderminster Branch, formerly of Welwyn Garden City. Elected 21.6.'46.

**Badeock**—In January, Charlie Badeock, aged 74, of Crediton Branch. Elected 2.10.'51.

**Barrow**—On March 12, Alan Barrow, a Foundation Member. Elected Kennington Branch 1.1.'22.

**Blackmore**—On February 9, William James Blackmore, aged 68, of Wellington (Som.) Branch. Elected 30.6.'44.

**Capenor**—On March 8, Joseph Henry Capenor, aged 74, a founder member of Coleorton Branch. Elected 18.10.'37.

**Chambers**—On February 27, Robert William Chambers, D.C.M., aged 67, a founder member of Grimsby Branch. Elected 1928.

**Collishaw**—On March 8, William Clark Collishaw, aged 73, of Sleaford Branch. Elected 20.12.'54.

**Evans**—On March 1, Brinley Richard Evans, aged 61, of Calne Branch, formerly of Resolven. Elected 14.2.'38.

**Garaway**—On March 7, the Rev. Thomas Mitchell Garaway, aged 78; Toc H Chaplain, Hull, 1925-28; Curate, All Hallows, 1929-31. Elected Mark I, 1923.

**Gibson**—On February 28, Roy Yorke Gibson, aged 53, of Lymington Branch. Elected 18.6.'35.



**Hine**—On January 27, Leslie Stuart Egerton Hine, aged 75, a founder member of Shrewsbury Branch. Elected 14.1.'29.

**Kitching**—On October 20, Harold Kitching, of Saltburn Branch. Elected 20.9.'34.

**Lazenbury**—In March, Arthur Ernest Lazenbury, a founder member of Callington Branch. Elected 22.3.'40.

**Martin**—On March 6, Canon Robert Reginald Martin, an Oxford & Thames Valley Area member. Elected March 1923.

**Meek**—On February 27, Eli Meek, aged 91, of Malvern Branch. Elected 2.7.'56.

**Savill**—On March 14, Roy Arthur Savill, aged 44, an East Anglia Area member. Elected 3.5.'49.

**Taylor**—On January 19, the Rev. John Edward Taylor, aged 66, a Beds & Herts Area member, formerly of Tonbridge. Elected 26.2.'31.

**Thornbury**—On March 14, James Arthur Thornbury, aged 72, of Audlem & Market Drayton Branch. Elected 21.6.'48.

**Walton**—On February 27, Col. Sir Cusack Walton, D.S.O., aged 88, a Foundation Member, member of Council in India 1925-32, Hon. Gen. Sec. and H.Q. Commissioner Toc H/BELRA 1932-35.

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## In Memoriam

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### CUSACK WALTON

"My host and his most excellent memsahib have laid themselves out to give me both a busy and an enjoyable time. He is a quite first-rate person who knew the Old House at Pop and he has made a very good show of the group here." So a young peripatetic Toc H padre for India, just arrived on a visit to Lahore, wrote of Colonel Cusack and Mrs. Walton thirty-six years ago.

Cusack was Agent of the North Western Railway, near retiring age, one of the 'burra sahibs' but walking most humbly after the example of his unashamedly confessed Master. Wide and creative was his influence. He counted for much to the Church in the diocese, to many a missionary (always welcomed by him and Mrs. Cusack at 2 Mayo Gardens), to the railway community as well as to Toc H. Typically Toc H principles led him, with two fellow-members, to experiment with a Labour Bureau for the N.W. Railway, its purpose to establish easy and friendly relationships between management and men. When he came home to England he served Toc H and BELRA with the same devotion.

F.E.F.



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## MAY 1966

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